

REMARKS

Claims 1, 59, and 60 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1 – 63 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 1, 59, and 60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oliver in view of Peek.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Amended claims 1, 59, and 60 recite, “receiving via a web interface a proposed modification to the individual station irrigation schedule; determining, prior to the proposed modification being made, an effect the proposed modification to the individual station irrigation schedule would have if made... receiving an indication that the proposed modification to the individual station irrigation schedule is to be implemented; and sending the individual station irrigation schedule, with the proposed modification implemented, to an irrigation control unit.” Peek discloses sending a calculation of an amount of water to apply to a field to a farmer over the Internet (Col 8, lines 4 - 24). Oliver describes calculating a watering factor, representing a difference between a reference watering schedule and a new watering schedule, using predicted weather conditions. Neither Peek nor Oliver teach of receiving a proposed modification, determining an effect (prior to the proposed modification being made), displaying the determined effect, receiving an indication that the proposed modification is to be implemented, and sending the individual station irrigation schedule (with the proposed modification implemented) to an irrigation control unit. It is therefore believed that claims 1, 59, and 60 are allowable.

Claims 2 – 58 and 61 – 63 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested

based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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